

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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Office of New Reactors; Interim Staff Guidance on the Use of the GALE86 Code for Calculation of Routine Radioactive Releases in Gaseous and Liquid Effluents to Support Design; Certification and Combined License Applications; Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
 Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is soliciting public comment on its Proposed Interim Staff Guidance COL/DC-ISG-005. This interim staff guidance supplements the guidance provided to the staff in Chapter 11, "Radioactive Waste Management," of NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan (SRP) for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants," concerning the review of radioactive releases in gaseous and liquid effluents (GALE) to support design certification and combined license applications. This guidance provides a clarification on the use of a newer version of the boiling-water reactor and pressurized-water reactors GALE codes that is not referenced in the current NRC guidance. Upon receiving public comments, the NRC staff will evaluate and disposition the comments, as appropriate. Once the NRC staff completes the COL/DC-ISG-005, it will be issued for NRC and industry use. The NRC staff will also incorporate the approved COL/DC-ISG-005 into the next revision of the SRP and related guidance documents.

DATES: Comments must be filed no later than 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Comments received after this date will be considered, if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, 20555-0001.

Comments should be delivered to:
 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville,

Maryland, Room T-6D59, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Persons may also provide comments via e-mail to Timothy Frye at tjff@nrc.gov. The NRC maintains an Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. These documents may be accessed through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail at pdr@nrc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Timothy Frye, Chief, Health Physics Branch, Division of Construction, Inspection & Operational Programs, Office of the New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone 301-415-3900 or e-mail at tjff@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agency posts its issued staff guidance in the agency external Web page (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/isc/>).

The NRC staff is issuing this notice to solicit public comments on the proposed COL/DC-ISG-005. After the NRC staff considers any public comments, it will make a determination regarding the proposed COL/DC-ISG-005.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of March 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste and Materials; Meeting Notice

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste and Materials (ACNW&M) will hold its 188th meeting on April 8-10, 2008, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

Tuesday, April 8, 2008, Room T-2B3

8 a.m.-4:10 p.m.: *Working Group on the Effects of Low Radiation Doses Science And Policy* (Open)—Purpose: The objectives of this Working Group Meeting are: (1) To discuss the Linear Non-Threshold (LNT) theory in light of

current health physics, medical theory and cohort databases; (2) to review uncertainties about the presence or absence of health effects at low doses; (3) to examine the balance of science and policy in regulatory practice; (4) to discuss possible alternative approaches to the LNT theory in regulatory practice; and (5) to develop the information necessary to provide a letter report to the Commission.

8-8:05 a.m.: *Greetings and Introductions* (Open)—Dr. Michael Ryan, the cognizant ACNW&M Member for this meeting topic, will provide an overview of the expected goals for the Working Group Meeting, the planned technical sessions, and introduce the invited speakers.

8:05-8:25 a.m.: *Opening Remarks by NRC Commissioner Peter B. Lyons* (Open)

8:25 a.m.-4:10 p.m.: *Session I: The State of the Science* (Open)—This session will include six presentations. There will be a lunch break from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

4:10-5 p.m.: *Discussion of ACNW&M Letter Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss potential ACNW&M letter reports on matters considered during previous meetings: (1) Managing Low-Activity Radioactive Waste; (2) Use of Burnup Credit for Licensing Spent Fuel Transportation Casks.

Wednesday, April 9, 2008, Room T-2B3

8:30 a.m.-4:10 p.m.: *Working Group on the Effects of Low Radiation Doses Science and Policy*—Continuation (Open)—Session II: Balancing Science and Policy in the Regulatory Area. There will be three presentations and a panel discussion. A lunch break will be held from 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m.

4:10-5 p.m.: *Discussion of ACNW&M Letter Reports* (Open)—Continued discussion of proposed and potential ACNW&M letter reports mentioned previously, as well as (3) Effects of Low Radiation Doses.

Thursday, April 10, 2008, Room T-2B1

8:30-8:35 a.m.: *Opening Remarks by the ACNW&M Chairman* (Open) The Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

8:35 a.m.-12 p.m.: *Discussion of ACNW&M Letter Reports* (Open) (All) Continued discussion of proposed and potential ACNW&M letter reports previously listed.

4:10-5 p.m.: *Miscellaneous* (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of ACNW&M activities and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings. Discussions may include